

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 081-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** March 30, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

**Subject:** **COLLINS AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM 44TH  
STREET TO 63RD STREET**

This is to inform you that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will start on Monday, April 4, 2005 the milling and resurfacing and restriping of the existing Collins Avenue roadway between 44<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Streets. The project is expected to be completed in approximately four months at an estimated cost of \$1.9 million.

At the City's request, FDOT will conduct a public information meeting at the North Shore Park Youth Center at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. A fact sheet is attached with additional project information.

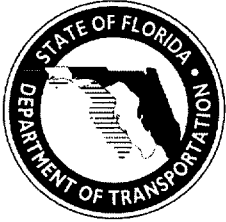
Please feel free to contact me if you have any other concerns or questions.

  
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c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager  
Fred H. Beckmann, Director of Public Works  
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# ROADWORK AHEAD!

## SR A1A/Collins Avenue Roadway Improvement Project *44<sup>th</sup> Street to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street • FIN No. 410645*

### FACT SHEET

This April, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will begin a Roadway Improvement Project along State Road A1A (also known as Collins Avenue) between 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, including Indian Creek Drive and the northbound Frontage Road. The project is expected to last approximately 4 months and cost an estimated \$1.9 million. The intent of this project is to extend the life of the roadway as well as improve rideability and safety.

#### **Scope of Work:**

- Repaving & re-striping the existing roadway
- Modifying medians to improve safety in accordance with Access Management standards
- Replacing existing pedestrian ramps and crosswalks to comply with current Americans with Disability (ADA) standards

#### **Construction Cost & Schedule:**

This project will begin on or around April 4<sup>th</sup> and last approximately 4 months. Work will be performed during daytime hours (7:30 AM to 8:30 PM), Monday through Saturday. The contractor will perform work in the medians and sidewalk areas before repaving and re-striping the roadway toward the end of the project.

#### **Maintenance of Traffic:**

Project-related work requires closing travel lanes to perform work in the median as well as to repave and re-stripe the roadway. Lane closures are restricted to non-peak daytime hours only (9 AM to 3:30 PM). Please note that there will be at least one lane open in each direction for the duration of this work. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling through the area. Speed limits in and around the work zones may be reduced for safety purposes. Motorists are advised to drive the posted speed limit and obey all traffic signs while driving through the area.

#### **Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety:**

Portions of the sidewalk will be closed while the contractor reconstructs crosswalks within the project area. Pedestrians and Bicyclists are advised to use caution and stay away from any construction area.

#### **Hurricane Preparedness:**

This project will be performed during Hurricane Season. The contractor has provided the Department with a Hurricane Preparedness Plan that details steps to be taken to make sure that the project area is safe in the event of a Hurricane. Should a hurricane or other event make evacuation necessary, the contractors will clear the roadway and reopen lanes to facilitate these efforts.

**Paving Operations:**

Repaving and re-striping of the roadway is scheduled for the final phase of construction. During paving operations, there will be heavy equipment and project personnel working around the project area and the lane closures associated with this work will periodically shift, as required, to protect both motorists and workers during this moving operation.

**Resident & Business Impacts:**

Access to area businesses and residences will be maintained at all times. Should it become necessary to close an individual driveway to perform project-related work, property owners, business owners and residents will be notified in advance.

**On-Street Parking**

There will be intermittent impacts to on-street parking during this project. Residents and businesses adjacent to areas where on-street parking will be temporarily suspended will be notified at least 24-hours in advance.

**Impacts During Construction:**

The Department strives to minimize all inconveniences associated with construction. However, motorists, area businesses and residents may experience one or more of the following inconveniences while improvements are underway:

- Increased dust
- Noise
- Lane closures
- Increased travel times through the project area
- Heavy machinery and equipment moving in and around the construction zone
- Flagmen directing motorists around construction activity
- Pedestrian detours and sidewalk closures

**Helpful tips to guide you safely through roadway construction:**

- Give yourself a little extra time to reach your destination
- Drive the posted speed limit – reduced speed limits are strictly enforced!
- Obey all signs posted within the construction zone
- Obey flagmen directing traffic around construction operations

*We thank you in advance for your patience and support as we work to improve the roadway through your community. For more information about this project, please contact the project Public Information Manager Tish Burgher at (305) 499-2391, or contact the FDOT Project Engineer Darren Spence at (305) 218-3065.*